

June 08, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday June 8, 2026, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Dawn Hutchins, and Recorder Shelly Vann. Gerald Schaefer and John Verkamp were absent. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Butch Maness, Kirk Barber, Andy Hanna, and Toby Beavers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. Dawn Hutchins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mac Green led the prayer.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the May regular meeting. Lisa Hogan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 470 activities in May. LPD issued 2 tickets and 20 warnings. There were 2 arrests made in the month of May.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 4 fire calls, 31 EMS call. They also participated in auto extrication class and Field Day at Lavaca Elementary in May.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 34 meters that were not working, repaired 3 water leaks, worked on getting everything sprayed and mowed. They also completed 26 one call requests.

Agenda Item #1: Consider bids, Intersection Improvement Project. This would be to widen the intersections and replace drainage culverts for 9 intersections. Andy Hanna with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc provided the bid tabulation and recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Cove Creek Construction, Inc. Lorie Robertson made a motion to award the bid to Cove Creek Construction and Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Bids Received:

Cove Creek Construction, Inc.	\$206,145.00
Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc.	\$213,515.00
Steve Beam Construction, Inc.	\$282,199.90
Steelworx Industrial Group	\$295.974.35

Agenda Item #2: Consider Engineering Contract Amendment for the Intersection Improvement Project. This would continue the contract to include task services during construction for \$30,000.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to amend the contract to include the task services during and following construction. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item # 3: Consider adoption of Artificial Intelligence Policy. Arkansas law now requires Cities to adopt this policy to comply with Act 848 of 2025. Council discussed this and would like for all employees that use a computer at work to complete the training provided by Arkansas Municipal League for AI Training. Mike Ray made a motion to adopt this policy and employees must complete training if it applies to them. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item # 4: Consider Resolution, ARML Trauma Assistance Program. This resolution would allow employees that need trauma assistance to receive 12 licensed counseling visits in a calendar year following a traumatic event with no expense to the employee. Dawn Hutchins made a motion to pass the proposed resolution, and Lorie Robertson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Resolution 2026-01 was adopted.

Agenda Item # 5: Consider filling Planning Commission vacancy. Mayor Hardgrave recommended that the council appoint Curtis McKee to the vacancy. Mike Ray made a motion to appoint Curtis McKee to this position. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

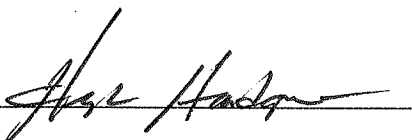
Agenda Item # 6: Review 2025 Audit Report. Lorie Robertson made a motion to accept the 2025 audit. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

2025 Audit Report Notes are as follows:

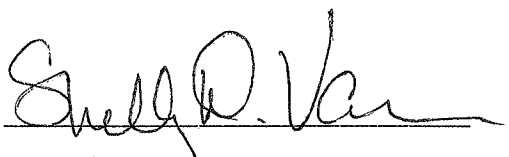
1. Audit was completed by Przybysz and Associates, CPAs
2. Audit includes both Governmental Funds – General, Street, CACJ, VFT, etc. – and business type activities – Water, Sewer and Sanitation.
3. Net position in the Governmental Funds decreased overall by \$70,472.
4. Net position in the Business Type Funds increased overall by \$131,850.
5. Long-term debt – 2021 Bond Issue for water and sewer improvements – was \$1,235,000 at the end of 2025.
6. Lavaca's share of long-term debt related to the Franklin Sebastian water system (35% of total dept) was \$70,496 at the end of 2025.
7. The city is in compliance with the 2021 bond debt trust Indenture (see page 30 of the Audit Report -8. Rate Covenant)
8. The city is in compliance with Arkansas State Requirements (see page 59-60 of the Audit Report)

Lorie Robertson made a motion to pay the bills for the month of June. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lorie Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Dawn Hutchins seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Attest: Recorder